



Events, Updates, News, and more!  
February 2024

Dear Emma,

These past few weeks have been all about the **transition to clean energy!**

In a historic federal victory, President Biden and Secretary Granholm announced that the Department of Energy (DOE) is [stopping the approval of new liquified natural gas \(LNG\)](#) exports effective immediately! Here in Massachusetts, Boston announced that the [city's first networked geothermal heating system](#) will be constructed at the Franklin Field Apartments in Dorchester.

Both of these wins give us hope for tomorrow and reinforce that it's truly time to put gas in the past!

## Upcoming Chapter Events

### Volunteer Orientation

**February 7th**  
**5:00 - 6:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Looking to get involved in equitable clean energy solutions and climate advocacy in Massachusetts? Join us for a special welcome orientation to learn (or re-acquaint yourself!) about the chapter and our various teams, how you can get involved and start making an immediate impact in your local community!

### Advocacy Training for Strong Climate Legislation

**February 15th**  
**5:30 - 7:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

It's that time during our two year legislative session when priority environmental legislation is moving forward! Learn more about the process, where things stand, and how you can help advance critical environmental legislation in Massachusetts.

### Advocacy Training

**February 24th**  
**1:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Care about the environment but not sure how you could actually make change? Want to hone your understanding of the legislative process in Massachusetts? Come learn about how to make change and advocacy and how you can get started!

## PFAS Revealed: Virtual Film Screening and Q&A

February 28th  
7:00pm

RSVP Here

This program combines a short film (*Burned*) about PFAS followed by a discussion about local, state and federal action you can take to address the PFAS crisis. This short documentary introduces the hazards and harms of PFAS as well as its devastating impact on firefighters.

## Plant-Based Cooking Demonstration

February 25th  
7:00 - 8:00pm

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Join us as we show you how to make delicious healthy plant-based food at home. Feel free to ask us questions; we'll be happy to help you.

### Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

Check out our Events Calendar for all Committee and Team Meetings in addition to special events!

Events Calendar

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Link Name	Week View	Calendar View	Print View
October 2023			
Oct	Mon	Tue	Wed
Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4
Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8
Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16
Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20
Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1

### ✨ Volunteer Action of the Month ✨

**Have your energy bills been really high? Is it impacting your quality of life?**

If you answered **yes** to these questions, the **Sierra Club** wants to talk to you! Our Chapter is collecting stories from communities across the state who are experiencing energy burden. We want to amplify your experience to decision makers at the state level so we can address this issue!

🗣️ *These stories can remain anonymous. We will be providing \$100 gift cards to compensate people for their stories and time.*

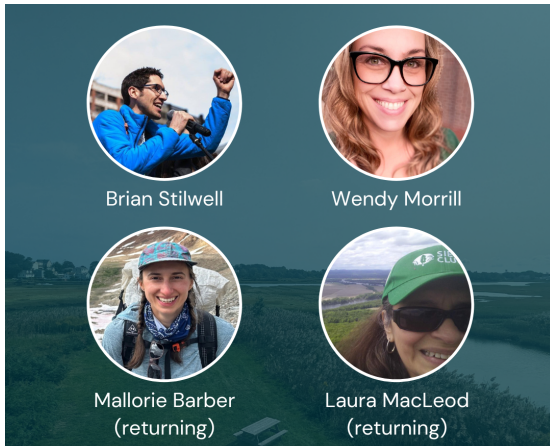
➡️ If you are interested in this opportunity, [please fill out this quick form](#) and we will reach out to you!

## Support the Chapter



# Welcome New ExCom and Officers!

Please join us in welcoming our newly elected Executive Committee (ExCom) members and celebrating the appointments of our ExCom Officers 🙌 ✨




Brian Stilwell

Wendy Morrill

Mallorie Barber  
(returning)


Laura MacLeod  
(returning)



MASSACHUSETTS  
SIERRA  
CLUB

Welcome new Executive  
Committee members! >

## Meet the ExCom Officers



Celia  
Doremus

Mallorie  
Barber


Alan  
Gordon

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

>



**Welcome Christine Pontes, new Chapter Treasurer!**

We also welcome a new Chapter Treasurer to our team of officers! The Chapter Treasurer helps manage and report on the organization's finances.

## Transit Equity Month

February is Transit Equity Month! 🚌 🚲 🚏 🗑️ Sierra Club and several partners will be joining a [series of events](#) led by Alternatives for Community and Environment.



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# TRANSIT EQUITY



## MONTH

**05**  
8AM-10AM

**TRANSIT EQUITY DAY BREAKFAST**

📍 NUBIAN STATION



**07**  
5PM-7PM

**ACE/TRU MEMBER NIGHT**

📍 A.C.E OFFICE  
2201 WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 302, BOSTON, MA 02119



**24** RAIN-DATE **25**  
11AM-2PM

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRANSIT TOUR**

📍 UPHAMS CORNER STATION  
NEXT TO 691 DUDLEY ST, DORCHESTER, MA 02125



**28**  
4:30PM-6:30PM

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES 101 & REBATE WORKSHOP**

📍 NEW ENGLAND UNITED FOR JUSTICE  
102 LOWER LEVER, 102 COLUMBIA RD REAR, BOSTON, MA 02122  
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The month-long celebration will culminate in a transit justice rally at **Boston Common** followed by a briefing on environmental justice and transit equity bills at the State House on Wednesday, February 21st from 12:00-4:30 pm. At the event, Sierra Club will be joined by youth groups to deliver a [municipal sign-on letter](#) to Governor Healey in support of electric school buses.

➡ **Have you asked your Mayor or City Councilors to support electric school buses?** Send them a message or [tag them on social media](#), urging them call for more funding support for electric school buses across the state!

## Exploring the Outdoors

Did you know that [Sierra Club Outings](#) puts on trips run by experienced and knowledgeable volunteer leaders? There are a few trips coming up this spring in New England -- check them out!

🚲 [Cape Cod: Explore the Outer Cape by Foot, Bike and Boat](#)

Apr 28 - May 4

🐋 [Plymouth-Cape Cod Multisport: Whales, Kayak, Hike, and History](#)

May 15 - 21

👟 [Teen Mountain Challenge: Hut-to-Hut Journey on the Appalachian Trail, White Mountains, NH](#)

July 28 - August 2

Brand new teen trip for kids ages 13-17!

Want to learn more about our current work?



Check out our [Campaign Updates Document](#) for more information!

## Friend & Partner Events

### [Framingham Repair Cafe](#)

 February 24th, 2-5pm

 **Scott Hall at 24 Vernon St, Framingham**

Have you got something that needs fixing or mending? Our volunteers can help fix many things for free including: clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers/other electronics, bikes, batteries, toys, jewelry and sewing machines. We will also have a station for sharpening straight knives, scissors and garden tools. If you know what parts are needed, please get them ahead of time.

## What We're Reading

- More questions than answers after Massachusetts order to transition from natural gas ([Energy News Network](#))
- Climate and economic development bills are powerful avenues to net-zero goals ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- Boston's first geothermal heating system to replace gas in public housing ([MassLive](#))
- Advocates urge Governor Healey to oppose major gas expansion proposal ([Boston Globe](#))
- Environmentalists demand Northeast governors oppose gas pipeline expansion project ([WBUR](#))
- Wu backs bill cutting commuter rail fares in Boston ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- The Biden Administration Just Made One of Its Most Important Climate Decisions ([Distilled](#))



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